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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS BF

SUBJ: LOS - PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED  
MINING AND 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE

REF: (A) STATE 193107, (B) STATE 193106

1. EMBASSY ASSESSMENT IS THAT PASSAGE OF ONE OR BOTH SUBJECT  
BILLS WOULD CREATE DEFINITE PRESSURES ON GCOB TO TAKE COUNTER-  
MEASURES TO PROTECT ITS OWN RESOURCE INTERESTS. GCOB HAS UNDER  
CONSIDERATION NOW ACTION DECLARING SPINEY LOBSTER CREATURE OF  
BAHAMIAN SHELF, IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO US MOVE DOING SAME FOR  
US LOBSTER. THE PRESSURES ON THEM WOULD BE THE SAME IN AREA  
OF FISHERIES AND MINERAL RESOURCES DESPITE PRACTICAL INABILITY  
TO EXPLOIT SAME.

2. EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES THAT PASSAGE OF SUBJECT BILLS WOULD  
HAVE BROADER UNFORTUNATE EFFECT ON BAHAMIAN LOS POSITIONS. US  
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GOVT HAS CONSISTENTLY APPROACHED LOS ISSUES, AND PARTICULARLY

ARCHIPELAGO MATTER, IN MULTILATERAL CONTEXT. WHILE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO GCOB THAT SOLUTION TO ARCHIPELAGO PROBLEM MUST BE FOUND IN MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT. UNILATERAL ACTION BY U.S. IN ANY LOS AREA WOULD WEAKEN OUR INSISTENCE ON MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS AND COULD SPILL OVER INTO AREA OF ARCHIPELAGO ASSERTIONS. WE DO NOT EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT GCOB WOULD ABANDON ENTIRELY ITS HOPES THAT A MULTILATERAL FORUM WILL TAKE CARE OF ITS BROADER LOS INTERESTS. NEITHER WOULD WE EXPECT GCOB, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY CONSERVATIVE IN ITS INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR, TO MAKE EXTENSIVE UNILATERAL CLAIMS AFFECTING NAVIGATION AND OVER-FLIGHT.

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